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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR PACKAGE - WORLD CONGRESS
OF WOMEN IN BERLIN

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1. IN RESPONSE PARA 2, REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT OF STATE CANNOT
SUBSTANTIATE GDR TV REPORT, CANNOT PREDICT DELEGATION SIZE,
AND DOES NOT BELIEVE DELEGATION WILL REPRESENT BROAD CROSS
SECTION. WE HAVE NO WAY TO DETERMINE WHO WILL "REPRESENT"
US, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND ALL-EXPENSE PAID INVITATIONS HAVE
BEEN OFFERED TO PROMINENT WOMEN LEADERS WHO ATTENDED UN
SPONSORED WORLD CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
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IN MEXICO CITY. THOSE AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS WITH A

LONG RECORD OF WORKING IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
ARE NOT EXPECTED TO SEND ORGANIZATION DELEGATES.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO POSITION ON WORLD CONGRESS OF WOMEN BECAUSE
IT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL MEETING.

3. FYI: WHILE ORGANIZER OF CONGRESS, WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (WIDF), IS AN NGO AFFILIATED TO ECOSOC,
THE CONGRESS IS NOT UN SPONSORED IN ANY WAY. MRS. HELVI
SIPILA UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT
CONGRESS, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN UN SPONSORSHIP. THE WIDF
CONGRESS HAS BEEN PRECEDED BY FOUR REGIONAL MEETINGS IN NEW
YORK, LONDON, TANZANIA, AND PERU. P&C HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT
SOME INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE NEW YORK MEETING,
WHOSE RESOLUTIONS FOLLOWED COMMUNIST PEACE MOVEMENT LINE.
CONGRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FOLLOW THIS SAME LINE, AND CAN BE
EXPECTED TO ENDORSE POSITIONS COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SUPPORTED
AT WORLD CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR.
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